

THE GIRL WHO WORKS AND WINS

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Working Girls Kept Straight by Pride Instilled Into Them by Their Mothers



"If a Girl Wants to Be Good, That One Idea Is the Greatest Part of Her, and Everything She Does Is Prompted by That One Thought," Writes "E. M."

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BY NIKOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

"I was too proud to work in my own country among the people who knew me, so I came to New York and had to begin at the bottom."

I take this quotation from the letter of an Evening World reader because it typifies what is too frequently the attitude of the girl who undertakes the business of making a living. I should say that to the majority of self-supporting women the work they do seems more a misfortune than a privilege. Many of them envy others who do nothing and who have nothing save what fathers or husbands choose to give them. The tradition that to be perfectly happy a woman must succeed in being utterly useless still survives and makes the average girl rather sorry for herself when necessity compels her to become efficient. This tradition is merely the Occidental version of the Chinese idea which compelled women of the highest rank to bind and cripple their feet and to wear their finger nails so long that they had to be capped to keep the tips from breaking to prove that they never by any chance did any work. We think, of course, that we are wholly emancipated from this barbarous notion, but so long as young women are sentenced to spend the years between graduation and marriage in stupid and boring idleness we will not be free from it. Every girl who achieves legitimate self-support should take a special pride in her achievement. Though there are nearly seven millions of her in the United States, she is still a pioneer, a pathmaker among her sex. Whether she makes \$4 a week or \$50, she is accomplishing something which for centuries was thought impossible to women.

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"THE GIRLS TODAY ARE VERY LATE."

a religious, respectable, proud family, and owing to the death of my father I had to go out into the world and earn my own living without any capital or business education. I was too proud to work in my own country among the people who knew me, so I came to New York with \$25 and had to begin at the bottom as waitress in a boarding-house. Often I was told by other women older than myself that nobody cares about a working girl's character; that you get no credit for being good; that all your employers care about is that you do your work. I know what it is to put up with everybody's insults, have often been discouraged, but after reasoning it all out with myself I thought that if I could not advance I certainly would not go lower. What keeps working girls straight? Pride instilled into them by their mother; perhaps inherited also. In my family there has never been one member in either jail or almshouse for four generations. That is as far back as we have any record. Among them are to be found ministers, doctors, scientists. Those among them who had a good training and education have always made good. E. M.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE GIRL HERSELF.

Dear Madam: If a girl wants to be good, that one idea is the greatest part of her, and everything she does is prompted by this one thought. My sister was sixteen and I was eighteen when we were left without father or mother. We had only the little apartment with the furniture, no money, no positions, and what we went through few girls have. A friend owed us \$25, and when we got that money we stretched it as far as we could. We lived on 10 cents' worth of soup meat for two days, and there were times when we did not know where our breakfast was coming from; but we did not give up. We said to each other we will keep this place and see what we can do. My sister got a position at \$2, and some time after I got one at \$1. We did our work when we got home. How many girls would come home after working all day and start to wash, iron and clean up? This is what we do after we came home, and we have been keeping house eleven years.

Besides this we find time to study, my sister her French and I my music. We worked very hard and now have good positions. My great ambition is to earn money some day with my voice and teach singing, which means years of hard work ahead of me; but I only think of my reward. The girls of to-day are very lazy. They prefer a life of

ease to hard work, and if a girl has no ambition she has no future. With all the evening schools, where one can learn shorthand, bookkeeping, dressmaking and ever so many things there is no excuse for a girl not getting ahead if she wants to, but there is the evening, which must be given to work, and this is the thing the girls of to-day do not like. ANNA.

DISLIKE FOR REAL HARD WORK AND DESIRE FOR FINERY.

Dear Madam: The Evening World has asked the women toilers for small wages to tell how they can live honorably within their income and be happy. It is not easy, but the writer, who has after years of steady and patient labor attained to the salary of \$12 a week, proposes to say how it can be done.

My first salary was \$7 a week, on which I lived as follows:

Room and two meals, per week.....\$4.00

Laundry, per week......30

Charity, per week......30

Church, per week......30

.....\$4.90

Leaving a balance of \$1.10 for clothing. Not an extravagant sum, but by saving this amount for three or four weeks I was enabled to buy the most needed article of clothing, and by using the old adage, "A stitch in time saves nine" I got along very nicely. My washing did not cost me anything, as I did this myself in the evening.

I lived on this wage for two years. As my health improved I was able to earn more money. I am now receiving the sum that the Chicago Vice Commission proposes to make the minimum for women wage-earners, \$13 a week. By merit of the experience I gained in former years, I can now live comfortably on this sum.

In my daily work I naturally meet all kinds of girls. I have seen them start on the road that leads downward. In my honest belief it was not lack of money that helped their fall. It was discontent with their poor surroundings, a dislike for real hard work, and a desire for beautiful clothes, and what they foolishly call a good time, that led them, unthinkingly, away. I have observed too that foolish trust in unworthy young men has helped to undo many a good-meaning and unthinking girl.

In a word, I feel that the spirit of the times and the rapacity of men, rather than the difference of a few dollars per week, are responsible for the loss of so many young women who otherwise, in my opinion, would be as good as the best. M. D.

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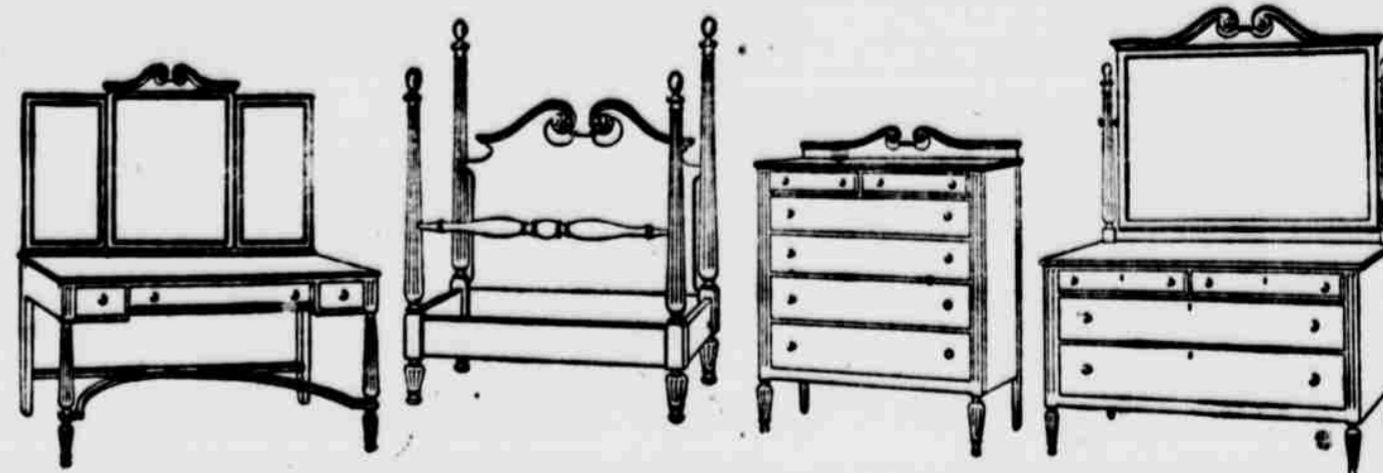
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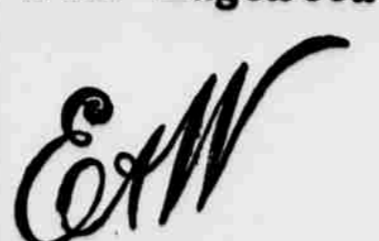
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